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Germany wins

world crown



Qatar's jubilation over beating England 2-1 in the semi-finals turned to despair in the final against West Germany. Striker Badir Belal, who scored with a spectacular overhead kick, is pictured being chaired off after the victory over England.



West Germany's captain Ralf Loose, who scored two goals against Qatar, holds high the Coca-Cola Cup. At left is FIFA president Joao Havelange.

Prizes to Gabor, Koussas

Romania's free kick expert Romulus Gabor has won the Adidas Golden Ball award as best player of the world youth championships.

Michael Zorc, the West German sweeper, was second, and German striker Roland Wohlfarth was third.

Mark Koussas of Australia won the Adidas Golden Shoe award as top scorer of the championships.

Koussas was one of five players to score four goals. The others are Ralf Loose and Roland Wohlfarth of West Germany, Romulus Gabor of Romania and Taher Amer of Egypt.

Under the rules the award, in the case of a tie, goes to the player with the highest ratio of goals compared with the number of games played.

Australia played only four games, whereas Germany and Romania played six each, and so the award went to Koussas.

Amer got second prize and Loose third.



West Germany, champion of the world. Standing from left: Michael Zorc, Thomas Herbst, Roland Wohlfarth, Holger Anthes, Helmut Winklhofer, Ralf Sievers. Front: Alfred Schoen, Ralf Loose (captain), Ruediger Vollborn, Martin Trieb, Anton Schmidkunz. Axel Brummer and Thomas Brunner also played in the final.

Qatar's dream is over. West Germany is youth champion of the world.

World Cup winner in 1954 and 1974, runner-up in 1966, senior European champion in 1972 and 1980, European youth champion in 1981, and now another world title.

Yet Germany should not even have been in this tournament.

It came as third-choice substitute for Holland which lost 4-0.

pite notable absentees, it battled through, overcame the setback of a 1-2 loss to Egypt and finally took the title by beating Qatar 4-0 at the SCG on Sunday.

A total of just over 275,000 spectators watched the championships in Australia — only about 30,000 less than the attendance at the 1979 titles in populous Japan.

• MURRAY BARNES reports on the final page



Action in the final. Ralf Loose (centre) gets it of the way as German team mate Alfred Schoen beats Majed Mayouff for a header. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

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WEST GERMANY

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YOUNG ROOS TO WIN IN CHINA?



The acrobatics of Qatari keeper Ahmed couldn't stop the Germans winning the world youth crown.

Fresh from its outstanding showing in the World Youth Cup the Australian youth side is in Peking preparing for tonight's (Wednesday's) battle with the United States.

The youths flew out of Sydney last Monday and headed for a four nation Coca Cola sponsored tournament in China.

Egypt and China are Australia's other opponents in the round robin tournament with the winner chosen on a league points basis.

The Australians are near top strength and go into the three match competition as favorite.

Dave Skeen and Howard Tredinnick were unavailable for the trip and Ian McKie from South Australia pulled out through injury. Newcomers to the squad are Attilio Carbone from Marconi and Ian Gray from APIA. The full squad is:

Glen Ahearn (Sydney City), Dennis Ivanac (Institute of Sport), Rob Wheatley (Blacktown), Steve Blair (South Melbourne Hellas), Oscar Crino (Institute of Sport), Paul Kay (Wollongong), Ian Hunter (Marconi), Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic), David Mitchell (Adelaide City), Lee (Sydney City), Fabio Incantalupo (Juventus), Brett Woods (Sydney City), Mark Koussas (Sydney Olympic), Jim Patikas (Sydney City), Dennis Colusso (Marconi), Danny Wright (Institute of Sport), Attilio Carbone (Marconi) and Ian Gray (APIA).

The Australians confront free scoring Egypt on Friday, October 23 and two days later clash with home team China.

ASF vice-president Michael Weinstein and Youth Development Officer Brian Emery are the tour leaders. The party returns to Australia on October 27.

Blair and Mitchell are due to trial with top flight Scottish Premier League clubs.

Blair will trial with Glasgow Celtic and Hearts while Glasgow Rangers have shown keen interest in striker Mitchell. A high ranking Rangers' official rang Mitchell on every day of the world youth titles to check on the youngsters' progress.

Offers from PSL clubs are flooding in for other squad members. Many of the youngsters have become the hottest property in Australian soccer. — CRAIG MACKENZIE.

The world saw the egg on our face

The Youth World Cup is over and one wonders how long it will be before another such major tournament is awarded to Australia.

All in all, it wasn't the most fortunate of experiences for the Australian Soccer Federation with many things happening over which it had no control, while it created other problems for itself.

We had the fiasco of the Sydney Cricket Ground lights, the incredibly small time opening ceremony in Melbourne, the invasion of the Yobboes and their brawling at England games, the chaotic arrangements for the Press and in the end even the weather conspired against the tournament.

Then there was the early elimination of many of the top draw-cards, the half-hearted attitude of most European football associations, the deplorable lack of discipline by the Brazilians in their defeat against Qatar and the equally deplorable inefficiency of security personnel in the face of crowd misbehaviour.

On the credit side, the turn

out of almost 20,000 people in the most miserable conditions imaginable to see a final between Germany and Qatar last Sunday was nothing short of amazing.

Will the lesson be learned? And it is simply this. We do have soccer fans in Australia and they would put up with ancient facilities and everything else that is part and parcel of our set up, as long as they are served up football which is different from the drab, ersatz concoction which is passing for the Australian Soccer League.

They want exciting, adventurous, attacking soccer — and the participating nations in this tournament, with the odd exception, provided just that.

Hence the crowds which exceeded most expectations, without the artificiality of gimmicky names and some of the other 'solutions' touted on the domestic scene.

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IN FOCUS

By Peter Scott



Now for a few special awards.

The Weight Watchers' Award goes to the Rumanian squad, whose members were living it up on daily pocket money of \$2 each. The three ethnic Hungarians in the party were helped out by Melbourne compatriots who passed a hat around and raised a couple of hundred bucks for the boys.

The Hot Potato Award was a hard one to judge and I split it between members of the Victorian constabulary, the Olympic Park management and the multitude of persons who were seen on semi-final night proudly wearing ASF identity passes, but between them were unable, or more correctly unwilling, to prevent a group of some 50 Rumanian fans from blocking the view from the Press Box.

The I'm-All-Right-Jack Award goes to the ASF organising committee, which found itself unable to accommodate all the accredited pressmen still in Sydney at the presentation dinner in the APIA club last Sunday night. More than 400 people did make it to the 'big bash, no doubt all of them people whose contribution to getting the crowds out and

keeping the tournament in the public eye was virtually unimportant.

The Keystone memorial Award goes to members of the Adelaide police force who are reported to have stated that their role was to keep the peace inside Hindmarsh Stadium and not to worry about surrounding streets, hence the freedom of the city which was offered by default to the skin head element last Saturday.

And, finally, the Invisible Man Award to the Australian Soccer Press Association leadership in Sydney, which was preparing to host the world Press for over a year and then was unable to obtain even minimal facilities on some occasions for local journalists.

He's still lost, by Gheorghe!

A Melbourne based Rumanian community group is claiming responsibility for the disappearance of Rumanian youth team defender Gheorghe Viscreanu.

The group claims that it engineered Viscreanu's disappearance from Melbourne's President Motor Inn after Rumania's 1-0 loss to West Germany in the world youth championship semi-finals last Wednesday at Olympic Park.

Should Viscreanu claim political asylum in Australia he would be ineligible to play here for two years under F.I.F.A. rules. This discounts the theory that his disappearance was prompted by offers from Melbourne based PSL clubs.

The 20 year old defender from leading Rumanian First Division club Steaua Bucharest has made 35 youth team appearances for his country.

Details of all matches so far in the World Youth Championships:

GROUP A

QATAR 1 (Badir Belal) POLAND 0, URUGUAY 3 (Baez, Aguilera, Da Silva) UNITED STATES 0 at Lang Park, Brisbane, crowd 17,200. UNITED STATES 1 (Devey) QATAR 1 (Badir Belal), URUGUAY 1 (Da Silva) POLAND 0 at Lang Park, crowd 10,122. URUGUAY 1 (Villazan) QATAR 0, POLAND 4 (Rzorka, Kowalik, Dziekanowski) at Lang Park, crowd 6,500.

Final group standings:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Uruguay	3	0	0	5	0	6
Qatar	1	1	2	3	4	2
Poland	1	0	4	2	2	2
U.S.A.	0	1	2	1	8	1

GROUP B

SOUTH KOREA 4 (Choi Soon-Ho 2, Kwak Sung-Ho, Kim Man-Kil) ITALY 1 (Marini). BRAZIL 1 (Leonir) RUMANIA 1 (Zamfir), at Olympic Park, Melbourne, crowd 16,500.

RUMANIA 1 (Sertov) SOUTH KOREA 0, BRAZIL 1 (Djalma Balal), ITALY 0 at Olympic Park, crowd about 15,000.

BRAZIL 3 (Paulo Roberto, Ronaldo, Jun Jong-Sun own goal) SOUTH KOREA 0, RUMANIA 1 (Gabor pen.), ITALY 0 at Olympic Park, crowd 8,000.

Final group standings:

WD L F A Pts

Brazil 2 1 0 5 1 5

Rumania 2 1 0 3 1 5

South Korea 1 0 2 4 5 4

Italy 0 0 3 1 6 0

GROUP C

WEST GERMANY 1 (Loose) MEXICO 0, EGYPT 2 (Amer 2) SPAIN 1 (S. Lopez, Nadal Oceano) at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, crowd about 10,000.

SPAIN 1 (Serrano MEXICO (Cosa), EGYPT 2 (Helmi, Amer 2 pen.), WEST GERMANY 1 (Loose) at Hindmarsh Stadium, crowd 14,120.

MEXICO 3 (Vaca, Farfan, Herrera) EGYPT 3 (Saleh 2, Guillen o.g.) WEST GERMANY 4 (Wohlfarth 2, Treih, Anthel) SPAIN 2 (S. Lopez, Fabregat) at Bruce Stadium, Canberra, crowd about 8,000.

Final group standings:

WD L F A Pts

West Germany 2 0 1 6 4 4

Egypt 1 2 0 7 6 4

Spain 0 2 1 5 7 2

Mexico 0 2 1 4 5 2

GROUP D

AUSTRALIA 2 (Koussas, Hunter) ARGENTINA 1 (Burruchaga), ENGLAND 2 (Rinnigan, Doy) CAMEROON 0 at Sydney Sports Ground, crowd 15,814.

AUSTRALIA 3 (Koussas 2 incl pen., Mitchell) CAMEROON 3 (Djonkep 2, Olie Olie), at International Sports Centre, Newcastle, crowd 13,797.

ARGENTINA 1 (Urruti) ENGLAND 1 (Small) at Sydney Sports Ground, crowd approx. 16,000.

ARGENTINA 1 (Cecchi) CAMEROON 0, ENGLAND 1

Final group standings:

WD L F A Pts

Australia 2 0 1 6 4 4

England 1 2 0 7 6 4

Argentina 1 0 2 1 5 2

Cameroon 0 2 1 4 5 2



West German defender Martin Trieb plows through the mud and slush of the Sydney Sports Ground in the World Youth Championship Final on Sunday.

WYC match details

SEMI-FINALS

Tonight (Wednesday): RUMANIA v. WEST GERMANY at Olympic Park, 8.30pm. ENGLAND v. QATAR at Sydney Cricket Ground, 8pm.

SEMI-FINALS

WEST GERMANY 1 (Schoon) RUMANIA 0 after extra time at Olympic Park, crowd about 10,000.

QATAR 2 (Belal, Al Sada) ENGLAND 1 (Small) at Sydney Cricket Ground, crowd about 8000.

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF RUMANIA 1 (Gabor) ENGLAND 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, crowd about 10,000.

FINAL

WEST GERMANY 4 (Loose 2, Wohlfarth, Anthel) QATAR 0 at Sydney Cricket Ground, crowd 18,531.



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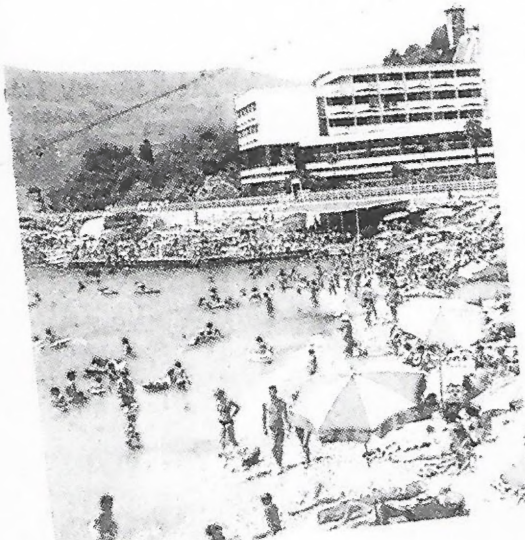
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Qatar's dreams crumble

Germany exploits the offside trap

MATCH RATING:

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W. Germany 4
Qatar 0

World Youth Championship final.
Scores: Loose 29th, and 65th penalty; Wohlfarth 43rd; Anthes 85th.
Venue: Sydney Cricket Ground.
Crowd: 18,531.
Referee: Arnaldo Coelho (Brazil) 8.
Cautions: Wohlfarth (Ger.), Adel Ahmed (Q).

WEST GERMANY: Vollborn 8 — Winkhofer 7, Schmidhurn 7, Zorc 8, Trieb 7 — Sievers 8 (Brunner 65th), Loose 5, Schoen 7 — Anthes 8, Wohlfarth 9, Brummer 9 (Herbst 84th).

QATAR: Younis Ahmed 9 — Mohammed Alsueidi 6, Adel Ahmed 8, Majid Mayouf 7, Sameer Al Mass — Mohammed Affa 7, Nasser Salem 8, Ezzaz Almuhammadi 8 (inj. sub. Khemis Alsueidi 57th, 71 — Khalid Almuhammadi 8, Bader Belal 8, Ali Al Sada 8.

Europe has triumphed, the depth of West German soccer is more evident than ever and the dreams of little Qatar have crumbled into dust.

The Qataris came so far but did not have what it takes to win the big one.

Their offside trap killed them and with the half-time score at 2-0 they were unable to change their tactics to get back into the game. Quite frankly, no alternative tactic would have been effective any way.

The world youth crown is a triumph for Germany's unassuming coach Dietrich Weise, who has steered his country's youth fortunes since 1978, after coaching Bundesliga clubs Kaiserslautern, Frankfurt and Duesseldorf.

He picked out many of these players when they were 16 and has nurtured them through the unsuccessful qualifying tournament of 1980, a triumphant tournament in Moscow early this year, and to victory in the 1981 European Youth Championships.

Weise had to leave three key defenders back home, but even that handicap, allied with the fact that Germany was here only as a third-choice substitute for Holland, could not prevent him inevitable in the rain and slush of the SCG on Sunday.

"I informed myself about Qatar's play from reports in the Press," Weise said matter-of-factly. "I told the players to beware of losing confidence by running too often into Qatar's offside trap. We managed to beat the offside tactic and maybe it was made a little easier for us because the Qatari back fours are not very fast."

"We believed that the three Qatari forwards, Nos. 12 (Ali Al Sada), 9 (Bader Belal) and 16 (Khalid Almuhammadi) would be the men who would cause us most trouble, but we succeeded in keeping them under control."

"This morning I told the players that if they played intelligently, they could win clearly and I consider the 4-0 score to be a fair reflection of the play."

Weise reflected the fraternal feeling in the German camp when he was asked why he had replaced midfielder Ralf Sievers and brilliant left-winger Axel Brummer during play. "Their replacements, Thomas Brunner and Thomas Herbst, have been with this squad for a long time and they have been hard for the team and for our success. I wanted to give them the feeling of what it is like to be world champions."

Weise however, is disappointed by the German team's performance in the world championships. He includes his own team in that criticism.

"It seemed to me that the pressure on the players to win at all cost, prevented them from showing their true ability in most of the matches," he said.

West Germany's victory in the final was its biggest of the series. It earlier had lost 1-2 to Egypt and beaten Mexico 1-0, Spain 4-2, Australia 1-0 and Ru-



By
MURRAY BARNES

The Rumanians, Weise said, had been Germany's strongest opponents, and he also praised the Australian team.

Qatari coach Evaristo did not meet the Press after the final. Obviously he was disappointed, but he must nevertheless be proud of his team which exceeded probably even the wildest expectations in beating Brazil and England on the way to the final.

The driving rain obviously did not help Qatar in the final. I doubt that Qatar has rain more than a few times a year.

The mud covering the cricket pitch and its surrounds didn't help either. Germany did the right thing in concentrating its play through the wings — especially through Brummer on the left.

Forget the offside trap for a minute. In the final analysis, Germany won because its players were schooled in a highly organised coaching system, they are raised on team discipline, they are acutely aware tactically and capable of varying their play according to any given permutations, and they possess a high level of intelligence — an important ingredient in team success.

That's not to say that the Qataris necessarily are short of any of those qualities. However, they do not have the grounding or the soccer traditions of the Germans, despite their expensive and intensive preparation. Germany, after all, has almost five million registered soccer players. Qatar's total population is about 220,000.

Let's look at some of the individual performances in the world final.

Axel Brummer on the left wing, and Holger Anthes on the right were the key to Germany's breakaway attacks which broke the offside trap and produced all four goals.

They were fed mainly by the captain and midfield general Ralf Loose who scored two goals himself, one from the penalty spot.

Central striker Roland Wohlfarth also was a key man. He had the speed and strength to do in the middle what Anthes and Brummer did out wide.

Ruediger Vollborn in goal was the complete master of his penalty area and had great strength in the air and I was impressed by the cool composure and fine skill of the sweeper, Michael Zorc, who always did something special when he came forward.

Qatar, to its credit, never gave up even though it trailed 0-2 at half time. Forward Almuhammadi, Belal and Al Sada kept plugging away and, with a little luck, could have put away a few goals to open the game up again. Khemis Alsueidi also had a good game when he came on as a replacement in midfield early in the second half.

But both full backs, Mohammad Alsueidi and Sameer Al Mass were unable to handle Anthes and Brummer, and it was only due to the absolute brilliance of goalkeeper Younis Ahmed that Qatar escaped a much bigger hiding.

Germany shouldn't even have been in this tournament. It finished only third in one of four European qualifying groups, and when Holland withdrew, Portugal and East Germany were invited before West Germany. But those two declined, and despite Weise's misgivings, the West Germans accepted.

The game started with two breakaways by Wohlfarth who shot wide both times.

Then Qatar savored a short period of impressive attack, with the back four moving up to within about three metres of the half line, organising their offside play.

Khalid Almuhammadi threatened the German goal as he went past full back Helmut

ball along the line, but Vollborn reacted well by taking the ball out with a slide tackle.

Vollborn then took the ball strongly in the air from a deft free kick by Affa, after Al Sada had been chopped down at the edge of the penalty area. But after that early flurry, Germany's breakaways — either with through balls, or diagonal passes — became more and more prevalent.

Anthes got away on a ball from Wohlfarth, was blocked by a defender, the ball rolled out of Loose but he belted it past the post.

Goalkeeper Ahmed was forced to play as a sweeper to cover the big gap between him and his defenders. He raced out to block Wohlfarth at the edge of the penalty area, deflected a cross from Anthes one-handed, saved brilliantly from the return shot by Sievers and thrilled the crowd with another great save of a header by Loose.

But a goal was inevitable now.

It came in the 29th minute. Mohammad Alsueidi had fouled Brummer, Trieb took the free kick out wide, and Loose headed in off the underside of the crossbar. The Germans led 1-0.

Germany was looking the better team. It had soaked up Qatar's early pressure, the team was well organised and it had Qatar's offside trap worked out well. Zorc was catching the eye in defence, and Wohlfarth was dynamite up front.

To me a score of about 3-1 looked likely at this stage.

Goalkeeper Ahmed took a heavy knock in getting down to stop Wohlfarth and one can only guess how that affected him for the rest of the match.

With three minutes to play before half time, Qatar had the perfect opportunity to level the scores. Belal beat Schmidhurn and squared the ball into the middle for Al Sada who, however, miskicked badly and sent it well wide of the post.

Having wasted that chance, Qatar dropped further behind only a minute later. Zorc, at a low, long clearance to Loose in the middle, Loose knocked it short for Wohlfarth and Wohlfarth ran through alone before belting the ball low past Ahmed inside the far post.

The Qataris claimed the move was offside. They rushed over to linesman Valentine and remonstrated with him, but their appeal was in vain. Germany led 2-0 at half time.

The conditions seemed to suit Germany much better than Qatar. Wingers Anthes

and Brummer were in full flight, using the space behind the Qatar full backs very well.

Wohlfarth had the ball in the net for Germany within four minutes of the second half, after a free kick by Trieb, but the goal was disallowed over a handball offence.

Then the Germans bombarded the goal in one of the fiercest attacks of the game.

Anthes stormed down the right, his cross beat Ahmed and bounced off the crossbar to Brummer who also rattled the woodwork. The ball bounced out to Zorc who unleashed a powerful drive but Ahmed was back in position to make an uncanny save.

In the 60th minute the ball got stuck in the mud and a Qatari defender went over the top of it, leaving it for Wohlfarth who dashed clear, into the penalty area, with the goal at his mercy, but he shot straight at Ahmed.

He should have put that one away.

Qatar found new enthusiasm all of a sudden.

Perhaps its hopes were fuelled by a mistake by Zorc, whose hooked back-pass to Vollborn almost was intercepted by Belal. Luckily for Germany, Trieb was with Belal and stuck out his foot to concede a corner.

Khamis Alsueidi intercepted a pass, played the ball out to Nasser Salem and he in turn fed Belal for a good shot which Vollborn saved.

It was a flash in the pan, though.

For the umpteenth time, Wohlfarth broke through the offside trap and headed into the area. As he headed for his shot, Sameer Al Mass chopped him down from behind and referee Coelho pointed to the penalty spot. Loose took the kick, stroking it calmly to Ahmed's right to make the score 3-0 after 65 minutes.

Victory was assured, and in that knowledge, Germany relaxed and allowed its play to get sloppy. Khamis Alsueidi therefore found the space to bring a great save from Vollborn and Belal on the turn sent a dangerous drive flashing past the far post.

Winkhofer twice lost possession needlessly on the flank and then Schoen gave the ball away on the right, presenting Qatar with avenues to goal.

With five minutes to go however Germany pulled itself together and struck again for the fourth goal.

Wohlfarth played a through

ball which sent Anthes away, Anthes first shot was blocked by Ahmed, and Anthes succeeded with his second attempt.

Germany's tactical superiority and strong running in attack had been rewarded with a world championship. Qatar had paid for its naivete.

The world championships were over.

We look forward to 1983 in Mexico.



The Qataris line up in the rain, from left: Samir Al Mass, Younis Ahmed, Adel Ahmed, Nasser Salem, Mohammed Affa, Majid Mayouf, Khalid Almuhammadi.

Captain Ralf Loose accepted the Cup.

The Germans exchanged shirts with their opponents and did a lap of honor in the colors of Qatar.

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Rumanians in command but Schoen wins it

MATCH RATING:
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**West Germany 1
Rumania 0**

Scorer: Alfred Schoen
103rd. Ground: Olympic Park.

Crowd: 11,500.
Referee: Robert Valentine
(Scotland) 9.

Cautions: Ian Andone 64th
(Rumania).

GERMANY: Vollborn 8 -
Winkelhofer 9, Schmidkunz 8,
Zorc 9, Trieb 8 - Sievers 9,
Loose 7, Schoen 7 - Anthes 7
(Brunner 76th), Herbst (Brunner
26th 8), Wohlfarth 8.

RUMANIA: Lovas 8 -
Eduard 7, Rednic 7, Andone 9,
Matei 8 - Balint 8, Ilie 8,
Hanghuc 7 (Fisc 61st)
Zamfir 7, Sertov 7 (Bolba
76th), Gabor 8.

With the South American teams out of the competition, Rumania looked like having a very good chance of winning the World Youth Cup.

It had been playing very steadily without setting the world on fire.

Goalkeeper Josef Lovas had shown he was very competent between the posts. Mircea Rednic and Ian Andone had proved a formidable defensive block, with both threatening when going forward.

Captain Costel Ilie, fit for this game, had shown fine skills and leadership qualities. Up front Romulus Gabor and Predel Zamfir had given most defences a torrid time with



**By
GARY
COLE**

their dribbling and crossing skills.

On top of that, Rumania had the advantage of knowing that the Germans had beaten it only once in their last 10 encounters, scoring a solitary goal in the process.

The West Germans had come to Melbourne with the reputation of being a typical German side, adopting man-to-man marking and breaking forward rather than building up to attack. So the scene was set for a typically hard-fought European style game.

The Rumanians kicked off attacking the Yarra end of the ground.

In the third minute left/back Matei crosses, the ball deflects off a defender just too far in front of Gabor.

Three minutes later Gabor flicks on to Zamfir who shoots wide. Rumania has started very confidently and is coming forward in numbers. As predicted the Germans are marking man for man.

After 11 minutes Gabor

swings a corner in from the left, the ball curls to the far post where Zamfir finds himself unmarked. He heads past keeper Rudiger Vollborn but the ball is cleared.

Zamfir is brought down in the area shortly afterward but Scottish referee Robert Valentine waves play on.

The Germans then have their first and best chance of the match so far. The ball is knocked long to right winger Holger Anthes, who shows a fine turn of pace to go past fullback Augustin Eduard.

For some reason keeper Lovas comes way out of his area, but gets nowhere near Anthes who lobs the ball over Lovas only to see it land on the roof of the net.

A minute later Anthes again bursts past Eduard and crosses for striker Thomas Herbst who volleys from the edge of the area but the ball goes narrowly wide.

Shortly afterwards Herbst is injured in a tackle and limps around for five minutes before being substituted by Axel Brunner.

During the substitution we get a glimpse of the German coach Dietrich Weise, dressed impeccably for the game in one of Rudi Gutendorf's old trench coats - Rudi has gone but the legend lives on.

West Germany has settled down and is coming into the game more and more.

In the 37th minute German captain Ralf Loose curls a ball in for Anthes who misses.

Rumania is coming out of defence very quickly and Anthes is being caught offside regularly.

At this stage the game is stopping repeatedly for free kicks. Mr Valentine is in con-



Captains Costel Ilie (left) of Rumania and Ralf Loose of Germany shake hands before their semi-final.

trol through and is letting the game flow when he can.

After 39 minutes Zamfir has a run down the right from the halfway line. He ends up shooting from an acute angle when perhaps a cross would have been more beneficial.

Then Loose puts the ball through to Roland Wohlfirth whose shot always is curling away from the Rumanian goal.

The first half fizzles out with no score. For Rumania, Ilie is quieter than usual. He is playing deeper than normal. This could be due to his injury, however Rumania is missing his drive.

Germany does not mess about in front of goal. If a chance appears, then a strike goes in at goal.

Rumania starts the second half well. Zamfir cuts the ball back for Gavril Balint but he blasts the ball over the bar when well placed.

In the 54th minute Matei crosses from the right to the far post and Steve Sertov heads over. Sertov goes closer a minute later. Gabor crosses from the left, Zamfir heads back into the middle and Sertov hits a solid overhead kick but it goes straight to Vollborn.

After 64 minutes we again see the Rumanians reluctant to shoot. Ilie clips the ball into the area for Zamfir who takes far too long and the chance is wasted.

Andone then gets himself booked for a clumsy, rather than a nasty challenge. The Germans then have an excellent opportunity to wrap up the match. The ball is crossed in from the left and Wohlfirth heads over in six metres even though he is unmarked. A minute later he misses again. He is put through by Loose but takes the ball too wide, giving himself no angle to shoot at and the shot goes wide.

25 minutes into the second half, Andone drags Wohlfirth back, giving Germany a free kick just to the left of the area. Skipper Loose drives the ball

high and wide. He is looking extremely tired.

In the 76th minute both teams make changes.

The game is really scrappy now. Both sides look jaded and are giving the ball away needlessly.

In the 84th minute full back Helmut Winkelhofer breaks through but Andone has the pole to match him and concedes a corner.

Two minutes late Andone is involved at the other end when he gets onto the end of a corner from the left, forcing Vollborn to make a reflex save.

German rightback Winkelhofer, who is coming forward more and more, again breaks on the right and drives a low ball into the area. Lovas parries out, but nobody is at home for the Germans to finish off.

The game is destined to finish 0-0 when Ralf Sievers is brought down in the area but referee Valentine indicates that Sievers took a dive.

The Rumanians dominate the opening five minutes of extra time with Cornel Fisc shooting wide and Gabor firing into the keeper's arms, then crossing to Mircea Bolba who doesn't control well then volleys over from the penalty spot.

After seven minutes Wohlfirth again breaks through and crosses for captain Loose who should have scored but Lovas does really well to block. Lovas again is in action minutes later when substitute Brunner shoots after a jinking run and Lovas tips around for a corner at full stretch.

The game switches to the other end and Gabor shoots past Vollborn but Winkelhofer kicks off the line.

After 13 minutes Wohlfirth breaks through past Rednic and passes to Thomas Brunner who is tackled and the ball goes out for a corner. Brunner clips the ball in and Loose mis-kicks, the ball spins back to Alfred Schoen who bends it past Lovas and in off the right hand upright. A goal at last!



Alfred Schoen scored the winning goal in extra time.

The game drags into the final 15 minutes of extra time. Rumania still is doing good things with patient build-ups but lacks penetration. After 17 minutes of extra time Balint fires just over from 18 metres. The game is getting more boring by the second and nothing really happens in the remaining time except that Wohlfirth has the ball in the back of the net but is ruled offside.

So West Germany won probably the worst game of the championships seen in Melbourne and went on to the final in Sydney.

The Germans played very solidly, with defenders Winkelhofer and Zorc doing well. Sievers was busy all night and captain Loose did well in the first half but faded badly. They absorb a lot of pressure and then attack on the break.

They certainly had the better of the chances in this game but their football isn't very attractive.

Rumania probably had 75 percent of play during this semi-final but just could not find the net, mainly because it was not desperate enough around the penalty area. The

Rumanians need to be a lot more direct around goal.

To finish up I would like to say what a great spectacle this tournament has been. There have been some good things and some bad things that have been highlighted.

Firstly the performance of the Socceroos shows that Australian soccer is improving. I would like to congratulate Les Scheinflug and his team for their achievement in reaching the quarter-finals.

The ability of this country to stage such a tournament is a plus in itself, especially when you consider the vastness of Australia and the number of cities which have staged games.

To me the most disappointing aspect of the competition is that, in Melbourne anyway, we failed to cash in on a live event for our game.

There practically was no publicity to attract primary and secondary school children to the games in fact kids who do not normally involve themselves with soccer would not have known that this competition was taking place.

Had it not been for two riots in Sydney and the disappearance of Rumanian, Gheorghe Viscanu, the tournament never would have made the front page headlines.

By giving away a couple of thousand tickets to schools for each game the A.S.F. could have attracted more people to the games, and possibly won some converts for our code.

This would have cost nothing as there were plenty of empty spaces in the terraces in Melbourne as I'm sure there were in other cities.

One other minus is that the A.S.F. needs to build its own stadium in Sydney or adopt Olympic Park, Melbourne as its home.

The Sydney cricket ground is not compatible with soccer. It is a terrible place to watch a game because you are too far away from the action. Also it is a horrible ground on which to play because of its vastness, its lack of lush grass and also its hardness.

Under these conditions even the magical Argentinians had trouble controlling the ball.

Finally I would like to thank "Soccer Action" for the chance to dabble in reporting. I have enjoyed it greatly and hope I haven't bored you too much.

Lakie Polonia's best

Victorian First Division champion Polonia Maribyrnong recently held a very successful presentation night at the Essendon Community Centre and forward Brendan Lakie won the Best and Fairest award.

Best and Fairest award was won by Jimmy Dimitriou. Polonia held its annual meeting at the Polish House, Latrobe St, City on October 18 and the following were re-elected - President: Mr. Michael Zurek; Vice-Presidents: Mr. Mark Zaricki and Mr. Henry Dressler; Secretary: Mr. Czes Kozicki; Team Manager: Mr. Wally Klain and after a two year absence George Kerry Jr. will start his fifth term as Treasurer.

The most improved award was shared by Ricky Lipiarski and Michael Pichner and John Wallace won the Best Clubman award. The Reserves

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Qatar beats England, lunatics lash out

MATCH RATING

7

Qatar 2
England 1

Referee — Jorge Romeo, Argentina — 8.
Scorers: Beleal, Al Sade (Q), Small (Engl).

Venue: Sydney Cricket Ground.

Crowd: 12,500.

ENGLAND: Kendall 8, Greenall 6, Robson 8, Peake 6, Webb 6, Allen 5, Kinsey 7, Day 6 (sub Finnigan 7th), Cooke 6, Small 5, Wallace 5.

QATAR: Ahmed 8, Mayouf 8, Eidan 6, Ahmed 5, Al Mass 6, Al Muhannadi 5, Alfa 7, Salem 8, Al Sade 8, Beleal 9, Almuhanadi 8.

This was a night of disaster, despair and

By TOM ANDERSON

disgrace for English football!

Not only did this English team lose 2-1 to tiny Qatar but the English fans once again rioted and brought themselves and English soccer into disrepute.

After the game was over and the Qatar team was cheering off their Brazilian coach Meccedo Everisto, a number of fans — Qatar supporters and English supporters — raced onto the Sydney Cricket Ground.

And before long, there was another pitched battle with the Qatar players and coach Evaristo being attacked.

It was another disgraceful scene once again instigated and put on by the lunatic fringe among the English "supporters."

By their actions during this series these lunatics have done nothing but bring shame on

themselves and their countrymen.

Qatar's brilliant striker Badir Beleal was attacked and hit over the head with a bottle and coach Evaristo was kicked on the right leg.

The police on duty were slow to stop the action and they must shoulder the blame for this terrible incident.

Why on earth the police let the fans onto the ground in the first place is a mystery.

The game started in sensational fashion with the goal of the series scored by Beleal in the 11th minute.

The ball was swung over from the left and this brilliant little striker scissor-kicked it past English goalkeeper Mark Kendall into the net.

This was not even a half chance but it was a goal through sheer brilliance and skill.

More was to come and Qatar went two ahead when Ali Alsada ran through the English defence to stick one away.

England pulled one back when its lumbering striker Michael Small lodged onto a rebound and pushed the ball home.

Then Qatar missed a penalty in the 74th minute when Khalid Almuhanadi rattled the post with his penalty kick after an English defender had handled in the area.

England had plenty of chances to score goals but its ability to miss these chances was top rate!

They just failed and failed badly in front of goal. Qatar is a tiny little team with a great deal of individual skill and flair.

It played the offside trap to perfection in this game and England never found the solution.

GABOR CLINCHES BRONZE MEDAL

MATCH RATING

6

Rumania 1
England 0

Scorer: Gabor 36th.
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Crowd: 10,429.

Cautions: Sertov, Zamfir (Rumania).

Referee: Henning Sorensen (Denmark) 8.

ROMANIA: Lovas 8 — Eduard 7, Vucsan 7, Balaw 46th 7, Rednic 8, Metel 8 — Ilie 8, Bakint 8, Fasic 7 — Zamfir 8, Sertov 8, Gabor 9.

ENGLAND: Gosney 7 — Greenall 8, Banfield 7, Robson 7, Webb 8 — Kinsey 7 (Southey 81st), Allen 8 (Day 53rd 8), Peake 8 — gago 7, Muir 7, Cooke 8.

The deadly left foot of Romulus Gabor left England in tatters to earn Rumania a 1-0 win over England and the bronze medal for finishing third in the world youth championships.

Rumania achieved its win in the style which marked its previous performances.

It played composed and disciplined soccer and was really only interested in winning this match and nothing else.

But that is not to say that the Rumanians were boring or negative.



English forward Kevin Gage

Indeed, Gabor, a slightly built winger with superb skills, was in magnificent form and mesmerized the English defenders, particularly in the first half.

But it was his shooting ability that really had the crowd on its toes.

He took two free kicks, in an identical position, just outside the area, level with the penalty spot.

England formed a six man defensive wall for the first free kick in the 17th minute and Gabor bent a superb kick crashing against the left hand post with goalkeeper Andrew Gosney transfixed on his goal line.

England unfortunately did not learn its lesson and 19 minutes later Gabor stepped up to take his second free kick.

This time he squeezed it into the bottom left hand corner with a brutal strike which again left Gosney motionless.

So Gabor finished the tournament with four goals — the last three with free kicks and his first goal of the series against Italy came from the penalty spot!

Significantly, Gabor scored all of Rumania's last four goals in the tournament.

But even allowing for Gabor's brilliance, England should have at least sent this match into extra time.

It had an appalling day in front of goal and missed at least three goals which will probably go down as amongst the worst misses in the tournament.

In the 15th minute, John Cooke swept into the penalty area after a great run and with the goal at his mercy was robbed of the ball.

But just minutes later Cooke speared an excellent pass to Ian Muir who rounded goalkeeper Losif Lovas and with two defenders near the goal line he allowed himself to be hustled off the ball when all he had to do was shoot from three metres.



By JOHN PERIN

However worse was to come in the second half.

Midway through the second period, substitute Geoffrey Dey, Muir and Cooke shot in succession at the Rumanian goal with Lovas stranded but incredibly they just could not force the ball over the line from just five metres!

A goal then could have rocked Rumania which would have been forced to become more adventurous in search of another goal.

England's afternoon of misery was completed three minutes from the end when Muir broke through the defence and sliced the ball wide with Lovas in no position to stop him.

The loss obviously was a huge disappointment to coach John Cartwright who has done a magnificent job in welding a team together at such short notice.

He must have wondered just how far his team could have gone had the English First Division clubs not been so selfish in retaining the players Cartwright wanted.

The sad aspect of England's loss to Rumania is that it did enough to win.

England's defensive play was good and so too was its midfield, but then things went astray once it had to confront the Rumanian defenders who always covered each other.

I suppose the loss of captain Paul Allen early in the second half had its effect.

Allen looked the goods in the first half and significantly two of the best scoring attempts involved him.

First he cracked a powerful 30 metre drive which Lovas did well to save and just before half time he struck a magnificent cross-field cross to Kevin Gage who unfortunately volleyed the ball over the bar.

England made quite a few changes from the side which went down to Qatar in the semi-finals.

David Wallace (suspended) were all left out of the side.

And on top of that Neill Webb who slammed a hat-trick against Egypt played at full back, though he was moved forward in the second half.

It seemed as if Cartwright wanted to give every member of his team a run in the tournament which I suppose is a nice practice but it is not a guaranteed recipe for success.

Small, who has three goals, and Finnigan, who celebrated his 19th birthday on match day, could have given the attack more sharpness.

However substitute Dey, who came on for Allen, played very well and England looked as if it might score when he ran at the Rumanian defence.

But in the end the Rumanians had the determination and the luck to keep a blank score sheet for the third time in the series.

It should be noted that Rumania has conceded only three goals in six games, while Uruguay gave up two goals in four games — the two best defensive records in the series.

While I do not expect to see too many of the English boys in the senior World Cup arena, I am confident some of the Rumanians soon will play for the national team.

Gabor is of course a certainty while right winger Dorel Zamfir, who has some magical touches, is also international material.

The win obviously was important to the Rumanians who treated the game like the Cup Final.

The Rumanian coach hugged his players who waved to the Adelaide crowd, on their best behaviour except for some English "fans" who were thrown out of the ground for causing trouble.

The match also was a tribute to Adelaide's crowd pulling potential. The official attendance of 10,429 is excellent considering that figure was for people who paid at the gate.

There were at least another 2000 fans who had complimentary tickets.

It is a pity Australia was not on show because I'm sure Hindmarsh Stadium would've been packed with a capacity 18,000 fans.

Overall, the three rounds Adelaide hosted were watched by 34,901 people.



England — beaten 1-0 by Rumania in the play-off for third place. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

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league clubs have an expert scouting set-up to search out and assess young talent? Very few.

That is not to say however, that the importation of class players should be stopped, as ASF president Sir Arthur George advocates.

England, the mother country of soccer, found it necessary to reopen its doors to imports and in fact it was two imports, Villa and Ardiles, who won last year's FA Cup for Spurs.

West Germany never has closed its doors. Neither have Holland, Belgium, Spain and many others.

Let's be realistic. We never should refuse an import if he's good. It's only the poor imports who have ruined soccer in this country.

The difference between the best European teams and the South American sides in the youth championships was one of discipline.

Although the Latins played some entertaining soccer, they also were irresponsible in giving goals away too easily.

For example, Brazil conceded a goal to Rumania for no reason at all. Argentina went out against Australia with a notable lack of discipline and after leading 1-0, it conceded two very late goals with irresponsible play.

Much has been written about the talents of Cameroon. Sure, the Africans included many talented individuals, but they played mainly by ear, rather than according to a set plan.

I grant you that they were entertaining, but on the other hand, against Argentina, they committed some murderous

fouls which easily could have resulted in penalties.

Qatar was of course the surprise packet of the championships — an example of what intensive preparation can achieve.

As for the outstanding players of the tournament, I will analyze them more closely next week.

However, let's say now that Eboune of Cameroon was impressive, and that Mendoza of Argentina was an exceptional player although even he showed irresponsibility when, only a metre in front of English keeper Kendall, he tried to do too much and failed to score.

Mark Koussas of Australia was extremely impressive. He's a born striker, a born goal poacher. He simply has that gift of God.

To me he was as good as any player in the tournament, despite his unfortunate mistake of failing to score from a penalty in the 0-1 loss to Germany.

Kendall and Lovas of Rumania appeared to be the best goalkeepers. Wallace impressed me in England's attack, and Julio Cesar of Brazil also was an exceptional player.

Having earlier criticised the slack aspects of Latin play, let's look at some of the Europeans.

England started the tournament inconspicuously against Cameroon and was criticised heavily for its lack of flair.

However England improved with every game, until it flopped against Qatar.

During that period of im-

provement, England made very few errors, played with iron discipline and had a well-constructed match plan.

Its fighting spirit was evident in beating Egypt 4-2 after being two goals down. The only flaw in its game was that Bigfield had himself sent off for retaliating.

West Germany also showed tremendous discipline, commitment and character — playing like underdogs who had to produce every ounce of concentration and energy to achieve the best results for their coach and federation.

This was most evident in the 1-0 semi-final victory against Rumania, when they defended brilliantly against Rumania's onslaughts and found new reserves of strength in extra time to win 1-0.

Qatar and Australia proved to the world what can be done by the smaller nations through good planning and by keeping a squad together over a long period of time, while leading nations like Germany, Italy and England did not come with their strongest teams.

Australia was together for two years and it paid off handsomely.

In the short time that Les Scheinflug and Raul Blanco have been in charge of the team, they have done a fantastic job and I believe the ASF immediately should offer them a contract for the next four years.

But we must not get carried away by the Australians' good performances. We must not start comparing ourselves



RALE RASIC

with the best in the world, for we have a long way to go.

Without taking anything away from our boys, it must be said that our opponents were not at full strength. I wish they had been. We then would have seen better football, and the Australians would have had an even bigger challenge.

In closing, I tip my hat to Bobby McLachlan of Green Gully Ajax and Frank Schaper of Azzurri (SA) — two of the most successful coaches in Australia this year.

Under Schaper, Azzurri has won the SA championship for the first time in its 22-year history.

Under McLachlan, Ajax has won its first Victorian State League title.

Both are superb organisers and their technical know-how is excellent. Surely they are ready for major appointments in the national league.

Egan to Hellas

South Melbourne Hellas has won the race to sign 1981, Rothmans Medal Winner Charlie Egan from Victorian State League club Frankston City.

Egan has come to terms with Hellas and should sign a one year contract soon. He officially becomes a Hellas player on December 1, the date of the expiry of his contract with Frankston.

Scottish born Egan is likely to work off Hellas target man Alun Evans next season with Kiwi international Steve Woodin reverting to his customary role out wide.

One of Egan's team mates this year, Frankston midfielder Carl Holford, should sign with Footscray JUST this week. Holford, a former Manchesters City apprentice, is the most underrated midfielder in the State League. He rarely wastes a ball and should make a major impact upon the PSL.

Croatia may have missed out on Egan but it looks likely to sign Ian McGibbon a 21 year old full back from Largs Thistle in Scotland.

McGibbon was impressive in Croatia's 3-0 loss to Len McKendry's Victorian state team in a practice match last Friday.

The Vics again will take on Croatia tonight (Wednesday) under the excellent lights at Olympic Park's No. 1 ground. The match is due to kick off at 6.30 pm.

Full time the key to future success

What now for Australian Soccer?

This is the big question which must be answered following Australia's magnificent performances in the world youth cup.

Australia's best young soccer players proved that they are on a par with the best of the world's teenage stars — so why can't we get the same results at the senior level?

The major reason we cannot compete at the senior level is because we play part time. This restricts the level of skill, strength and fitness our players are able to develop compared with the full-time professionals overseas.

However, there is another major reason why our players fail to "kick on" after reaching their teens.

This is our isolation from the mainstream of world soccer and a consequent below par domestic competition.

Performers gravitate to the level of competition they are involved in week by week.

Australian youth inter-

nationals such as David Mitchell, Mark Koussas, Oscar Crino, Paul Kay, Steve Blair, Peter Raskopoulos and Jim Patikas all are capable of attaining considerable heights in soccer.

If they go overseas and pit their soccer talents full time in the leagues in Italy, Germany or England they will be completely extended and grow in skill and personal stature.

If they remain here they will compete in a national league which currently still is only of fourth or third division standard in England.

Their soccer interests also will have to be shared with their career interests while they remain as part time professional soccer players.

Many of our young internationals have announced their intention of going overseas to try and break into the big time, just as our pop singing stars film stars and other entertainers have been doing for the last two decades.



Mike Johnson

sides in South East Asia by playing in Asian cup competitions as do the European clubs in Europe.

We must go forward not backward to the suburban soccer with its limited suburban horizons which has typified soccer development in Australia to date.

The gutsy and skillful performance of the young Australians in the World Youth Cup is just the impetus we need to set new targets and new standards for Australian soccer.

I have no desire to become director of soccer coaching for NSW.

I make this statement in reply to an article in a monthly soccer magazine which claimed I was lobbying to take Joe Vlastits place as NSW director.

The magazine said that an article I wrote in the August 12 edition of "Soccer Action" made me the front runner among those lobbying to take over from Vlastits.

In the "Soccer Action" article I said a "sick" NSW coaching administration badly needed a full time director of coaching.

To reiterate — I have no desire for that position.

My insurance brokerage, writing and coaching give me all the financial security and self expression that I need.

My coaching ambitions are those of a team coach — exclusively.

I do want to reply to some of the statements made in the soccer magazine, a publication recently introduced and published in Sydney.

To begin, I am not a "dis-

ple" of national coaching director, Eric Worthington. Neither was I "captivated by Worthington and converted to his philosophy."

I believe Eric Worthington has done some good work since arriving here and also has failed to do some things that needed to be done.

I have told him this personally.

The article also was in error when it said that I was an unqualified coach before Worthington arrived.

In fact I had an English FA coaching qualification.

It also was stated that I was unsuccessful coaching at junior level, but not at senior level.

I hardly have coached at junior level.

The article then contradicted itself by saying that I had "achieved all his (my) success as a senior team coach before he took a Worthington course. His club coaching record since qualifying as a staff coach under the Australian scheme is less than impressive."

Here is my coaching record before and after Eric Worthington came to Australia:

Before: Sutherland 3rd, 2nd, 1st, St George 3rd, 5th.

After: West Adelaide, 5th; Wollongong United 3rd (won grand final); Wollongong United 4th.

Also coached APIA as caretaker coach for four months taking team from 8th to 6th.

The article generally misinterpreted my motives in writing about the "sickness" existing in the NSW coaching set up. It also was very biased in its attitude to Eric Worthington, though I suppose it has the right to its opinions.

I wish the new publication and its editor, Eddie Katic well with its contribution to Australian soccer.

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It's Hellas' title in 1982, says John Stevenson



Hellas midfielder John Stevenson

South Melbourne, Hellas for the PSL championship in 1982!

So says Hellas midfielder John Stevenson.

"We went so close this year that I'm confident we'll go one step closer and win the title next year," says Stevenson.

"We need one more midfielder and another top class striker and we'll get there."

Hellas lost this year's title in the last four league games. The ever consistent Sydney City finished as the champion team in 1981 and looms as Hellas' biggest threat next year.

Stevenson was signed by Hellas from Sydney City for about \$18,000 earlier this year after five seasons with the classy Sydney outfit.

"Depth is the secret of Sydney City's success. It's a wealthy club and if you don't perform it just goes out and buys someone else, it's as simple as that. So there's tremendous pressure on every player to do well."

"When I was at Sydney City I had a great understanding with Joe Watson. I'd normally give him the ball and he'd take on his man. If he was in trouble he'd knock it back to me and we'd start all over again."

"The style of play at Hellas is a lot different. The play is slower. There's more emphasis on building things up. We knock the ball around a lot. We're probably not as direct as Sydney City but technically we're a better side."

Stevenson's competitive career started as a 14 year old with Drumchapel in amateurs in Glasgow. There he played alongside Nottingham Forest's Scottish international winger John Robertson and St Mirren's Ian Monroe.

Stevenson joined English First Division club Coventry City a year later, embarking on the best four years of his soccer life.

Brother-in-law Gerry Baker was a regular at Coventry then. Baker was American born and represented the US in the World Cup.

Stevenson joined in pre-season training at Coventry and the club was impressed enough to sign him as an

apprentice for two years. At the end of his apprenticeship he was signed as a full time professional, again for two years.

He was a right winger in those days but assistant manager Pet Seward switched him to midfield to get him more involved in play. That was in the Coventry reserve side and Stevenson's fellow midfielders were current Aston Villa captain Dennis Mortimer and Mick Maguire of Norwich City.

Just as Stevenson was on the brink of winning a first team spot a managerial upheaval changed the course of his career.

Noel Cantwell was sacked and Gordon Milne took over as manager. The first team wasn't playing well and Cantwell was the victim of pressure from the crowds and the club directors. Seward resigned in support of Cantwell.

Stevenson was one of the players put on the transfer list after discussions with Milne.

"Those four years at Coventry were marvellous. There's just no comparison between Scottish and English club football. Football in England is 10 times better. Everything's more professional about the English game — the facilities, the attitudes towards the game and the coaching."

"I was staying in a youth hostel when I was an apprentice at Coventry. There were another seven or eight apprentices there as well. You'd get up early and have breakfast at about 9 am. Then you'd change and head off to the training ground. You'd put in about two and a half hours in the morning. You concentrated upon physical work early and towards the end of the week you put in an hour in the afternoon working on set piece moves."

"I was as fit then as I've ever been."

Roy Barry was a first team player with Scottish First Division club Hearts. He contacted Stevenson and asked him if he was interested in joining Hearts which Stevenson did, chalking up the amazing record of missing only three games in three years.

Hearts finished well up the First Division table in Stevenson's first

season. Then the Scottish Premier League was formed, a cut throat affair involving 10 teams with the bottom two relegated at the end of the season. Hearts finished 10th at the year end and dropped to sixth in the following season.

Bobby Seith was the Hearts manager and John Cummings the coach.

"Cummings was known as the Iron Man of Hearts. He did all his physical stuff. One of his tricks was to bring 'y' his arms from the crossbar and take 'e' best against one of the players being able to knock him down by hammering the ball at his body from about the penalty spot."

"We used to play five-a-side games in the gymnasium and everyone wanted to be on Cummings' side because he's thump you into the boards and really give you a rough time."

"John Haggart was the second team boss and the same thing that happened at Coventry happened at Hearts. Seith was sacked and Haggart took over. Haggart called me into his office and said that he wanted to bring 18 and 19 year olds into the first team. He made it plain that I was on the way out."

"I was transfer listed in October, 1975 and I spent two months with St. Johnstone on loan."

"Then Dave MacLaren who was boss of Sydney City at the time got in touch with me and asked me if I wanted to come over."

"I never even knew that they played soccer here. And I didn't know that Victoria existed."

"I got good reports about Sydney City. I was told that the club was one of the best in NSW."

"There were a lot of adjustments to make here though. I was only about a year married when I came and my wife found it hard to settle here. I had never worked before and part time football is completely different to what I had been used to."

"The days seem twice as long when you have to work then go to training in the evening."

"Part-time football's a lot less disciplined than the full time game. You have to motivate yourself a lot more."

"When I first arrived I was fitter and sharper than most of the other lads at Sydney City but after a year I was down to the standard of fitness prevalent here."

"It was quite funny coming over in the plane, not knowing that Graham Honeyman and Bertie Lutton were in

the same flight. All three of us only met outside the airport in Sydney when Dave MacLaren and Joe Watson came to pick us up."

"The match atmosphere here is so different. Back home you'd get 10,000 to 15,000 watching you playing in the reserves in the English League, but you run out onto the park for Sydney City with about 1500 watching you."

"Sydney City was in the NSW State League when I arrived and George Keith was the coach. He was a man of few words. He didn't like being told what to do and I suppose he was a victim of circumstances when he went and Gerry Chalid took over."

"Chalid took over a great team. He was a quiet man though and if we lost a couple of games he didn't know how to overcome the problem."

"It was in 1979 that Eddie Thomson took over. I had played with Eddie at Hearts for about three months and I enjoyed playing under him. Training was much better with Eddie in charge."

"My contract with Sydney City expired last year so I met with Andrew Lederer to negotiate another contract. I asked for more money but Lederer wouldn't budge. Eddie Thomson was in Scotland at the time. Lederer told me that Hellas was interested. I think he wanted about \$30,000 for me which would be a ridiculous fee considering that I cost Sydney City \$50,000 air fares for my wife and me."

"I appealed to the PSL tribunal over the fee and I think it was reduced to around the \$18,000 mark so I signed with Hellas."

Stevenson earned acclaim while at Sydney City as a fine one touch player. The one touch game was drummed into him over countless training sessions with Coventry.

"You just can't beat the one touch game. If you've got three or four good one touch players in your side then you're bound to do well."

Stevenson comes from a footballing family. Brother James played for Scotland at under-23 level and Edinburgh club Hibernian.

Stevenson's partnership in midfield with fellow Scott Jim Shirra played a major role in Hellas' title challenge this year. Perhaps Stevenson and Hellas can go one better in 1982.

But winning championships and cups isn't new to Stevenson.

While with Sydney City he played in two PSL championship sides, won the Rothmans Cup in the NSW state League, triumphed in the PSL top four competition with a 4-1 win over Marconi and established himself as one of the most experienced, professional midfielders in Australian soccer.

Why Africa for Rudi?

The news that Rudi Gutendorf has accepted the post of Tanzanian national team coach raises a number of pertinent questions, notably why should a man who has been constantly inundated with million-dollar-backed pleas to mastermind the fortunes of soccer's elite — or so he insisted upon telling us — end up in Dar Es Salaam?

Tanzania has never made many waves in international football, even in its own continent. The main problem, is finance.

Lack of money prompted not only the withdrawal of the national team from the 1982 African Nations' Cup, but also its club representatives in the African Champions' and Cup Winners' cups.

The "Taifa Stars", as they are popularly known, have not played competitively since December 20 of last year when Nigeria inflicted a 2-0 home defeat, thus ending Tanzania's involvement in the World Cup.

Naturally this inactivity is a constant source of frustration to coaches, four of whom have resigned within the last three years.

Tanzania however certainly has potential, as it demonstrated when holding Nigeria to a 1-1 draw in Lagos during the first leg of their World Cup tie.

Nigeria is favourites to represent Africa in Spain and recently drew with Norway in Oslo, where England was considerably less successful last month.

Prior to its elimination by Nigeria, Tanzania thrashed Kenya 6-3 in the first round. Kenya is one of the teams Tanzania will encounter in the forthcoming East and Central Africa Senior Challenge Cup. Beaten 1-0 by Sudan in last year's final, the Taifa stars will be among the favourites for this tournament, featuring many of the dark continent's lesser lights.

Gutendorf will find he has two very useful strikers in Peter Tino and Thwein Ally, but the most famous player is Sandy Manara.

Nicknamed "The Wizard", Manara returned home last season after a professional career in Holland and the United States. The German coach will also be pleased with the level of support his team receives

— home games regularly attract crowds of 50,000.

Less appealing will be the problems which dog the game in black Africa. Officials never appear to be available and rarely ring back, results and league ladders differ from newspaper to newspaper, referees regularly fail to materialise, bribery is commonplace and coaches seldom get a free hand in team matters.

This would hardly seem to be the ideal environment for the volatile Gutendorf and downtown Dar Es Salaam offers few attractions for one of the Western World's greatest playboys.

PAUL MOON

...but Tasmanians cause an upset

By WA-TER PLESS

South Hobart, Sunday 11 October, 1981:
TASSIE ALL-STARS 2 (Parker 11th, Ward 79th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0
HT: 1-0 ATT: 1500 REF: N. Johnston

ALL-STARS: P. Kannegiesser — Burton, Conlan, Brine, Hey, S. Kannegiesser, Young, Peters, Ward, Oakes (Cook 55), Parker.

HELLAS: Laumets — Boon, Lutton, Xanthopoulos, Traficants — Stevenson, Shirra, Nicolaidis, Campbell — Evans, Buljevic.

Tasmanian soccer came off age on Sunday when the Tassie All-Stars, coached by Steve Darby, defeated Philips League runners-up South Melbourne Hellas 2-0 at South Hobart.

It was a triumph for Tasmanian soccer, for the State players, both imports and home-grown, who showed they have what it takes, and for Steve Darby who has an unblemished record after three games. "I'm very proud of every player," said Darby after the match. "They showed a professional approach. What more have we got to prove?"

The bone-hard, sparsely grassed pitch had both teams in difficulties from the start and rarely did either team manage a sustained build-up. Hellas tried the short-passing game whereas the All-Stars played longer and more directly. The more direct approach proved to be effective after

only ten minutes when Ian Parker brought the crowd to life by putting the home side in front. Chasing a long ball from Burton down the right, Parker took it almost to the by-line before sending over a hard cross. To everyone's surprise the ball eluded Laumets on the near post and lodged in the far corner of the net.

The goal stunned Hellas and gave the Tasmanians confidence. The expected Hellas' revival never materialised, however, and the first half saw Tasmanians miss two excellent chances to go even further ahead. Evans was showing his class with deft flicks and nods but he had little support. When he did arrive, the Tasmania defence of Burton, Hey, Conlan and Brine kept us cool and snuffed out any danger.

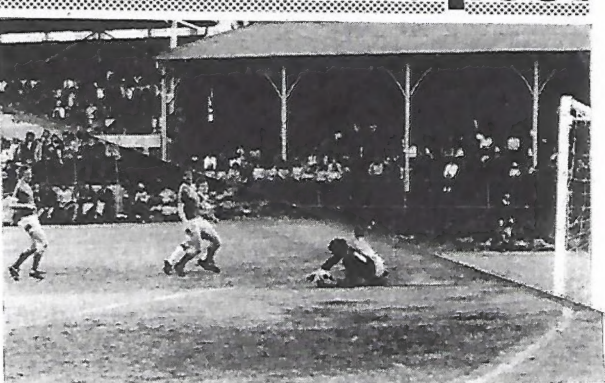
The one really good chance that Evans did have came after a left wing cross but his header lacked sting if not direction and Kannegiesser was able to scramble the ball away for a corner. The All-Stars were certainly well worth their lead at the break.

The replacement of Oakes by Cook brought new life into a Tasmanian attack that was already very lively. Ward, who had missed several chances earlier, made the game safe in the 79th minute. Traficants attempted to clear his lines from the left back position, Peter Brine intercepted with his head and Ward was away. He shot low and hard from the right-hand corner of the box and the ball zoomed past Lau-

met far post — side and inside the Hellas' goal. They were unlucky not to equalise. In the 82nd minute, Kannegiesser punched clear, but straight to Bannion, who shot hard and true, only to see the referee disallow the score. The Hellas players were perplexed and began to apply strong pressure for a period, bringing some fine saves from Kannegiesser and forcing the All-Stars' defenders to charge down some fierce shots. Hellas' final chance came in the last minute of the game when Evans broke clear, lobbed the keeper, but the ball cleared the bar.

The Tasmanians' display was brave and confident, the Melbourne team's disappointing. Every Tasmanian showed ability and Young, Brine and P. Kannegiesser a touch of class. Hellas lacked penetration throughout the game and as coach Margaritis said afterwards: "We came here to enjoy ourselves, but it was the worst game we've played."

Vince Bannion, the Hellas defender, was warm in his praise of the All-Stars. "I hope Tassie make the national league. You must get sponsorship and get a team in the league. There are so many juniors playing the game here, the distance to the Mainland isn't great, you deserve to have a team in the league." And so says every Tasmanian, Vince!



• Phillip Kannegiesser, Tassie All-Stars' goalkeeper, saves a Hellas shot, closely watched by All-Stars defenders Willy Peters (left) and Alan Burton, who is being pressured by Hellas' George Campbell. (Photo by Peter van Lierop).



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Italian goalkeeper Carlo Riccetelli shouts instructions to Marcelo Gamberini as he takes the ball out of the goal area.



AUSTRALIA 1981



Egyptian goalkeeper Ashour, and team mate Al Ashati, celebrate their victory over West Germany in Adelaide. Picture by MARTIN JACKA.



Uruguay's brilliant winger Carlos Aguilera launches a shot at Rumanian goalkeeper Losif Lovas in their quarter-final. No. 5 is Rumania's Mirecea Rednic. Photo by LES SHORROCK.



Italian full back Andrea Icardi (right) goes into the area for a shot, but Rumania's brilliant goalkeeper Losif Lovas (left) saved it.



Ronaldo, central striker of Brazil, rises high to win a heading duel against Italy.

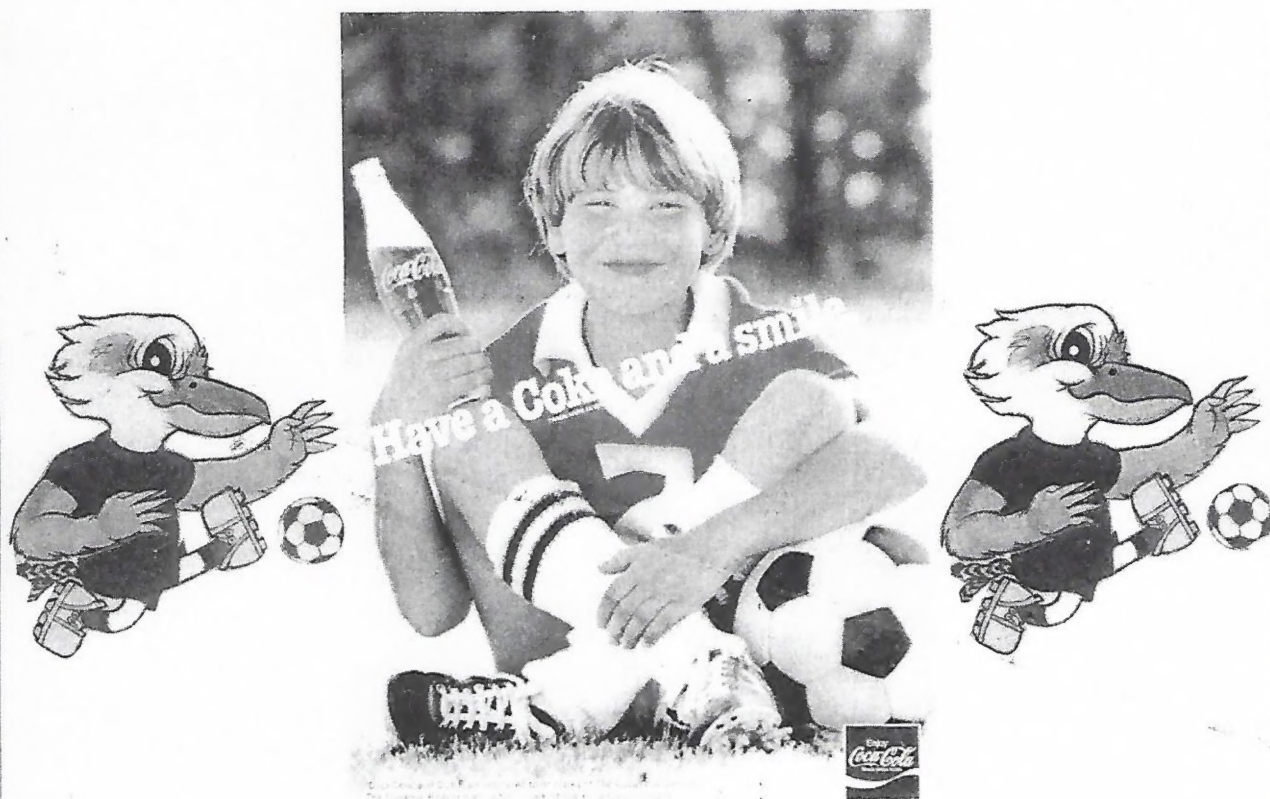


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The Loughnane brothers, Ian (right) and Peter, hope to boost Croydon's State League Cup prospects.

AJAX THE 'NEW' CUP

Green Gully Ajax should win the State League Cup which kicks off on Sunday at Olympic Park No. 1.

For the first time since the inception of the State League Cup in 1969 the competition will be run on a cut-throat, knock-out basis. Sunday's double header between Ajax and Doveton at 1.30 pm and Croatia and Croydon in the second match, will provide the winners with immediate entry into the cup final.

Ajax is on the crest of an unbeaten league and cup run of 16 games and is two matches away from adding the State League Cup to its 1981 State League Championship and Ampol and Dockerty Cup successes.

Should Ajax win the State League Cup it will become the first club in the history of Victorian soccer to win all four top domestic honors. Not without cost though.

Ajax will use its full first team squad throughout the State League Cup and the club isn't optimistic about recouping its outlay in player payments through attendances on both competition days.

"We know it will be a struggle financially but seeing that we've come this far in 1981 and we're one step away from writing ourselves into the record book we've decided to use our best players," said Ajax manager-coach Bobby McLachlan.

Gordon Wallace

capable of being fully fit in time," he added.

"I think the players at Ajax are good enough to win their fourth honor this year but if we don't make it I'll still be delighted with our efforts.

"I suppose winning the State League Cup would help our cause for inclusion in the PSL. It's like a reference for the PSL bosses to go by."

Like Ajax, Doveton will have a full squad to pick from. The word "full" could have a particular bearing on the outcome of Sunday's game if the Doves decide to embark upon a lost weekend in Sydney. They flew out of Melbourne last Friday and as we went to press we didn't know if they returned last Sunday night or not.

Jim McLaughlin and Mike McIvor have been on holiday at Surfers Paradise and were due to meet up with their team mates in Sydney.

Jim Train has been in full training after his

Bone, a massive striker. I'm told Bone takes a size 14 boot but there's no truth in the rumour that he was born when he was three.

He played in Doveton's last couple of State League games this year.

Danny McMinimiee, who resigned a few weeks ago, will be in charge of the Doves for the State League Cup and it would be a fitting send-off for him if his charges upset the odds by knocking off pre-competition favorite Ajax.

The Doveton committee accepted McMinimiee's resignation and is on the look-out for a new coach for season 1982.

The committee also underwent an overhaul recently at the club's annual general meeting. Joe Whittaker no longer is president but will serve on the committee. He has been replaced by Ernie Mallon.

No such changes were effected at Croydon's annual meeting. Geoff Pegg was re-elected as president and Bill



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TIP FOR SERIES

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

overseas but was due back last Sunday night. He will immediately resume his coaching duties, taking over a first team squad with only two slight player worries. Jim Spink is troubled with a knee injury and Gary Hobson is trying to throw off the effects of the flu.

"We won't be using this competition to blood new players into the first team," said Pegg.

"After the end of the season we aren't really keen on taking part in the State League Cup but when we found out that we had a commitment to fulfil we accepted that we should give it our best and go out there with the intention of winning the cup."

"The players have been training twice a week for the last three weeks and they want to acquit themselves well."

Croatia is likely to use the cup to assess its player strength. The club plans to extensively revamp its squad for next year. Former Frankston City and Brighton ICL striker Kevin Swinscoe has been signed. Swinscoe formerly was apprenticed to leading English club Nottingham Forest.

Another Brighton ICL player, 22 year old striker Ian Parker, is being chased by Croatia. Parker is in Sydney at present.

It's unlikely that midfielders Joe Tront and Howard Andrews will play against Croydon on Sunday.

Tront had to go to Adelaide on business and has missed a couple of training sessions. So has Andrews who has been on holiday.

Ned Batiniovic is another who has missed some training sessions.

"We're not going to be coned into playing name players only," said club manager Frank Burin.

"We will select players on the basis of current fitness and form."

"Once this competition is over and our presentation night is out of the way we will get down to the business of deciding which players will be retained for next year. Probably round about the middle of November we will let the players know who will be staying and who will be going."

Marty Bozic, an 18 year old attacking midfielder, and George Radman, a 16 year old defender, have joined Croatia's State League Cup squad. Other youngsters in the squad are Elvio Pugliese, Danny Ramljak, Danny Dezic, Brian Keenan and Steve Gojevic.

Noel Mitten and Ante Bilaver are recovering from knee operations.

State League
Cup first
round, Sunday
Olympic
Park, 1.30 pm

injuries and are unavailable.

I expect Ajax to open proceedings on Sunday by beating Doveton. The Doves are bound to put up a fight but they look outclassed on paper. Ajax manager-coach

McLachlan is worried about the loss of fitness of his players caused by their two week lay-off after winning the Dockerty Cup.

While this may even out the battle there's no substitute for skill and organisation so Ajax should win a berth in the final to be held at Olympic Park No. 1 ground on Saturday, October 31.

The State League Cup could be Gus MacLeod's farewell to Ajax so the big striker will be out to hang in a few goals to remember him by.

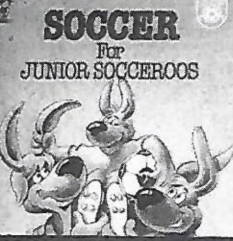
There's little between Croatia and Croydon. The outcome of the game could be decided at the selection table. Provided Croatia can select most of its first team squad it can nudge out Croydon. But if inexperienced though promising youngsters are playing in all three lines — defence, midfield and attack — for Croatia, the full strength Croydon outfit should prove too competent.

For soccer followers interested in history Croatia is the only club from this year's top four to have won the State League Cup. That was in 1971 when Croatia downed South Melbourne Hellas 2-1 in the final.

It's thumbs up as Ajax sets out to win the 1981 State League Cup. Standing from right: Peter Lewis, Denys, Morrey, Wallace, Gardiner, Alan Bennett, Macleod, Williams, Cannell, Greechan, Wall, Gerry Bennett. Crouching: Grech, Paul Lewis, Bobby McLachlan, Hogben, Lukac.



Doveton keeper Lou Ivanoff may have to pull off acrobatic saves like this to stop Ajax on Sunday.



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South America, Turkey join

South America and Turkey have been added to the field participants in a gala door soccer tournament to be staged at Festival Hall, Melbourne, on November 13, 14, 20 and 21.

The 12 competing teams will play under the national names of the various countries of origin. The South American team is made up of players from Chile, Argentina, Uruguay.

The other participants are Australia, England, Scotland, Yugoslavia, Malta, Greece, Croatia, Italy, Macedonia and Poland.

It is the first time since the highly successful Laidlaw World Cup of the late fifties that local teams have been fielded under national names to draw maximum support.

"Soccer Action" will present a two-page preview feature on the competition next week.

Games start at 7pm and there will

be six games a night, 10 minutes each way.

The final will be 15 or 20 minutes each way, and the Victorian Women's Soccer Association will field teams in one of the curtain-raisers. There also will be an under 12 curtain-raiser to the final.

Ian Petherick has been appointed coach of the Australian team and he has issued an urgent invitation to Australian players wishing to take part, to contact him on 311 0311.

SOCCER 'PANSY' SAYS HERALD

Pansy, as defined in the dictionary, means homosexual man. By referring to soccer as a "pansy game", does "The Herald" editorial of September 30 charge the 400,000 registered soccer players in Australia with homosexual tendencies?

Soccer is of course, accustomed to such derogatory labels. "The Herald" could, for example, have fallen back onto that old favorite, "wog ball," or, in order to remain in context, "pooter ball." "The Herald" is, however, a responsible newspaper which would shrink in horror at such crudities. Pansy definitely is more refined.

Given as it is to such astute insights, "The Herald" may like to turn its attentions to "brawny" female athletes, "thugs" on motor cycles, "dole bludgers" on unemployment relief, the "yellow hordes" up north, "commo" unions and, again to keep in context, "effeminate" ballet dancers.

It must irk "The Herald" and the rest of the media that despite their valiant crusade against soccer, people continue to play and watch the game in their millions throughout the world.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Monagle for Tasmania

Former Heidelberg Alexander player Liam Monagle is back from Ireland and wants to join a Tasmanian club.

Monagle is a sweeper or midfielder.

He played 15 times in Ireland's amateur international team and has had trials with Leicester City and Aston Villa. He played PSL soccer with Heidelberg this year.

Tasmanian clubs interested in signing him should contact Ollie Norris on 792 9348 (day) or 729 4535 (eve).

Sinclair joins Muhren

Brian Sinclair's temporary transfer from Ringwood Wilhelmnia to Eastern has given the diminutive striker an opportunity to participate in what promises to be the most intriguing season ever in Hong Kong.

Last season Eastern captured the Viceroy Cup, thus preventing Seiko from completing a clean sweep of all five major trophies, but their fans hope that this will merely be a stepping stone to greater things.

In the league, the club finished a disappointing 6th in an 11-strong ladder and player-coach Ricky Heppeltoe, the former Preston North End and Crystal Palace star, has spent the close season recruiting new talent.

Sinclair and ex-Edinburgh Hibernian Terry Wilson are the first reinforcements to a side which already includes Scottish amateur international Derek Currie. Others are reported to be in the pipeline.

Eastern though is not the only club from the Crown Colony to strengthen its playing staff.

Seiko, seeking its fourth successive league title, has secured veteran Dutch aces Gerrie Muhren and Theo De Jong, while English stars Charlie George and Barry Duns will make Bulova tick this year.

South China always is strong and the popular Rangers, returning to the top flight after a short spell in Division Two, will be eager to make their presence felt.

Like all popular sports, soccer attracts a great deal of gambling among the Chinese. AT 6-1, many of them have recognised Eastern as an excellent bet for the league title.

— PAUL MOON



Port United's first team squad. Back row, left to right: Vanancio, Ernestino, Dellarossa, Martins, Enrique, Jose Carlos, Sami, M. Carlos, Goncalves, Carneiro, Figueiro. Front row: Rui, M. Carondo, Tony, R. Fui, Lelo, Costa, Rui, Tony, Maximino.

Carlos Port's top man

Victorian District League club Port United boasts a former Portuguese international in striker Jose Carlos.

Carlos played as a central defender in Lisbon's junior team and had

one international at youth level for Portugal.

It's as a striker though that he's made his mark with Port United, scoring 27 goals this season and winning the club's player of the year award.

VSF annual meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Soccer Federation will take place at the Yarra, Swan Street, Melbourne on Thursday November 12 at 8pm.

Members clubs will appoint representative each and entitled to not more than one observer. Life Members, Steers and members of the youth and disciplinary committees have been invited to attend.

PRESIDENT: retiring J. Dimitsis (eligible for re-election)
VICE PRESIDENT: Retiring E. Heath (eligible for re-election)
MEMBER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT: Retiring L. Stifface (eligible for re-election)
Officials Continuing in Office:

VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. P. Collins (second year of two year term)
CHAIRMAN BOARD OF MANAGEMENT: Mr. M. Weinstein (second year of two year term)
Nominations for the vacancies must be made no later than 5pm., Thursday, November 5.

George Cross awards

Victorian State League club George Cross will have a full house at this year's annual presentation night. Tickets for the night sold out last week. The venue is 203 Albion Street, Brunswick and proceedings start at 8pm.

JUNIOR SOCCER ACTION

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5. An address to which to send the certificate (Please use ONE address per club — secretary, coach, team manager or similar official, who will hand the certificates out to the boys.)

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Jack Caran, 12 (Ajax); Zeljko Gallo, 12, Mijo Bebek, 12, four goals; Milan Mocan, 10, five goals; Petar Matek, 11, four goals; Damir Kovacic, 11, Nikola Orlic, 11, Drago Bebek, 13 (Croatia x Sydney); Michael Fotheringham, 10 (Ingleburn Eagles).



● Morwell Falcons boasts a top scorer in junior ranks in 8 year old Jamie Schiberras (pictured). Jamie has notched a hat-trick on six occasions this year, finishing the season with over 44 goals to his credit. He is adept at shooting with either foot and looks destined to make his mark in senior ranks.

HELLAS' THIRD CUP



This is the Hellas U/14s who for the third year running have won the J.L.M.C. Cup. The boys have been coached by G. Karakyriakos for the past 3 years. Congratulations also must go to the manager B. Didnyopoulos, and President S. Pasakos who have done a great job with the boys.



150 games

● Doncaster Rovers junior Steven Christou (pictured) played his 150th game for the club earlier this year.

Steven plays in the under-12 A side and started with the Rovers when he was five years old.

He was selected for the 1981 Eastern Regional side as No. 1 keeper, the first step in his ambition to fill the No. 1 custodian's role for Australia.

A dedicated and disciplined player, Steven has played an integral role in maintaining his team's high league ranking in 1981.



● Victorian club Mordialloc has a star in the making in Jimmy Kakavas (pictured). He is in the under 12 age group and his ambition is to play in the national league.

Twenty teams in Bowles Shield

The Mooroolbark Junior Club will hold its annual William Bowles Shield competition on the weekend of October 24 and 25.

Twenty under 11 teams throughout Melbourne have been invited to enter the competition.

The series, which began five years ago, is in the memory of the late W. Bowles, an ardent fan of Mooroolbark. The Bowles family donated the trophy, awarded to the winning team.

The Lions Club of Mooroolbark will assist with the catering for the competition and also present an award for sportsmanship and conduct to the best behaved team on and off the field.

So for a feast of soccer, make a date . . . Esther Park, Mooroolbark on Saturday and finals day on Sunday.

A.C.T. boys seek games

The under 14s of the ACT Academy of Soccer is seeking games in Melbourne next month.

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Can Belgium win the World Cup?

By ROGER COHEN

BRUSSELS, Between them, Belgian manager Guy Thys and veteran midfield sorcerer Wilfried van Moer have combined to produce one of soccer's most enchanting fairytales.

It is five years since Thys took over a Belgian side which, although brimming with talent, had turned in a succession of infuriatingly lacklustre displays. But under the magic touch of Thys and van Moer, Belgium, runner-up to West Germany in the 1980 European championship, is among the favourites for the 1982 World Cup.

Despite playing in the toughest qualifying group which included France, the Netherlands and Ireland, the "Red Devils" as they are known, became the first European nation to book its passage to Spain.

It clinched its place in the finals when it beat France 2-0 in Brussels last month, a game which provided ample proof of Belgium's class and artistry. Lierse striker Erwin Vandenberg, top scorer in Europe last year, scored the second goal with a stunning 20-metre shot which swerved into the net and set the Heysel stadium alight.

"It was a great goal from a great player, but I do not like to single out stars," said Thys.

But Thys has been more lavish in his praise of the astonishing Van Moer, who is surely guaranteed a spot in soccer's hall of fame.

Back in 1972 Van Moer was already among the game's all-time greats when he had his leg savagely broken against Italy in a European championship tie.

Somewhat Van Moer managed to play on for a few minutes but his career seemed to be over and he did not kick a ball in earnest for two seasons.

But Van Moer came back and Thys recalled him to the national side in the final qualifying games for the European Championship in 1979.

"It was a poker player's gamble which paid off," said Thys who describes Van Moer as "a great player with exceptional class and vision."

At 36, Van Moer is not the force he was, but his influence on Thys's talented young side is unquestionable — in its last 27 internationals Belgium has lost just twice.

The strike force of Vandenberg and

Brugges star Jan Ceulemans is the envy of most nations while the Belgian midfield, even on the frequent occasions when Van Moer is unfit, sparkles with skill.

Ludo Coeck, the midfield genius who played such a vital role in taking Anderlecht to the league championship last season, has at last begun to show his club form in the red shirt of Belgium.

Coeck has two more than able lieutenants in Franky Vercauteren and Albert Cluytens and Thys will have the pleasant problem of just whom to leave out if Van Moer travels to Spain.

But it is in defence that Belgium shines. On its march to the European final in Rome last year, where only a last minute goal by West German Horst Hrubesch pipped them, the Belgians conceded just two goals.

Spain and England found a way through once, while the much-vaunted Italian strikers were thwarted in a bitter goalless draw which saw the hosts eliminated.

Thys has remained loyal to his two big central defenders Luc Milicamp and Walter Meuwens, despite a run of poor performances for their clubs, while exciting right-back Eric Gares looks more like a winger at times.

But Belgium's re-emergence could work against it in Spain, and Thys admitted: "We have great hopes, but the advantage we enjoyed as underdogs in Italy has gone. Other teams will be well aware they are taking on the European runner-up."

Thys picked out Brazil as the major threat. "They are a great team and back to the level they reached with Pele," he said.

Despite his unassuming manner, Thys has become something of a national hero in Belgium, where only football these days appears to unite the French-speaking Walloons and the Dutch-speaking Flemings.

"They haven't yet offered me the job of Prime Minister, but I'm waiting," said Thys.

Hungary through

BUDAPEST, — Hungary virtually assured itself of a place in the World Cup finals in Spain next year with a crushing 3-0 win over Switzerland in a Group Four tie here.

Hungary, top of the group with eight points from six matches, need only beat bottom nation Norway at home on October 31 to qualify. Talented midfielder Nyilas scored twice, in the 17th and 49th minutes, and Fazekas took the tally to three in the 59th minute.

It was the first reverse Switzerland has suffered since coach Paul Wolfisberg took over earlier this year. World Cup details:

In Budapest — Hungary beat Switzerland 3-0 (halftime 1-0). Scores: Nyilas (2), Fazekas. Attendance: 70,000.

GROUP FOUR STANDINGS

Hungary	6	3	2	9	8
England	3	1	3	12	8
Romania	2	3	2	8	7
Switzerland	2	2	2	8	5
Norway	2	2	2	9	12

Matches to play: Oct 31, Hungary v Norway; Nov 11, Switzerland v Romania; Nov 18, England v Hungary.

In Lisbon — Sweden, beat Portugal 2-1.

Halftime: Sweden 1, Portugal 0. Scores: — Portugal: Pictura (68th min); Sweden: Larsson (58th), Persson (50th). Attendance: 70,000.

In Belfast, Northern Ireland and Scotland drew 0-0 and Scotland qualifies for the final.

GROUP SIX STANDINGS

Scotland	7	4	3	0	8	2	11
Sweden	8	2	2	3	8	7	8
Norway	7	2	3	2	5	7	7
Portugal	6	2	1	3	5	6	5
Ireland	6	1	3	2	8	3	3

Matches to play: Oct 28, Israel

v Portugal; Nov 18 Portugal v Scotland, Northern Ireland v Israel.

In Tirane Bulgaria beat Albania 2-0 (halftime 0-0). Scores: Blizkov (49th minute), Madenov (54th). Attendance: 30,000.

In Vienna, West Germany beat Austria 3-1 (halftime 2-1). Scores: — Austria: Schachnar, West Germany: Littbarski (2), Magath. Attendance: 70,000.

GROUP ONE STANDINGS

West Germany	6	0	0	2	1	3	12
Austria	5	0	2	16	8	10	8
Bulgaria	4	0	2	11	10	8	8
Albania	3	1	0	6	4	14	2
Finland	2	1	0	7	4	27	2

Matches to play: Nov 11, Bulgaria v Austria; Nov 18, West Germany v Bulgaria.

In Salonika, Denmark beat Greece 3-2 (halftime 2-0). Scores: — Denmark: Lerby (8th minute), Arnesen (28th), Ejlertsen (68th). Greece: Anastopoulos (80th), Kouts (85th). Attendance: 20,000.

In Rotterdam, The Netherlands beat Bulgaria 3-0 (halftime 2-0). Scores: John Matop (6th min), Kees van Kesteren (10th), Ruud Geels (54th). Attendance: 85,000.

In Dublin, Ireland beat France 3-2 (halftime 1-1). Scores: Ireland: Mahut (own goal), Stapleton, Robinson; France: Ballona, Platini. Attendance: 35,000.

GROUP TWO STANDINGS

Belgium	5	1	2	12	9	11
Ireland	4	2	2	17	11	10
Netherlands	4	1	2	11	9	9
France	3	0	3	14	8	6
Cyprus	2	0	7	4	25	0

Matches to play: Nov 18, France v Netherlands; Dec 5, France v Cyprus.

In Swansea, Wales and Iceland drew 2-2 (halftime 1-0). Scores: — Wales: Robbie James, Curtis; Iceland: Kinnear (12). Attendance: 20,000.

GROUP THREE STANDINGS

Poland	7	4	2	12	4	10
Soviet Union	5	4	1	14	0	9
Czechoslovakia	4	4	1	14	3	9
Iceland	3	2	2	10	21	8
Turkey	2	0	8	1	22	0

Dashing start in Germany

THE GERMAN BUNDESLIGA began its 19th season with a record 36 goals in nine games, watched by a total of 250,000 spectators — average nearly 30,000.

Most team managers were making optimistic noises, like Sundermann (VfB Stuttgart): "We are pledged to attack and attack." "Happel (Hamburger SV): "I will have nothing to do with 'safety first' football." Csernai (Bayern Munich): "The new champions will score over 100 goals." His team, the title holders, opened with an impressive 6-0 home triumph over Bayer Leverkusen.

Whether all these bombastic announcements and predictions will be fulfilled, remains to be seen. Cologne who spent most on international strikers Klaus Fischer (from Schalke) and Klaus Allofs (ex Fortuna

MAABEEN CITY

Την 1η Νοεμβρίου και στο Χάλ της Έκκλησίας της Αγίας Αικατερίνης του Μάλβερν η ποδοσφαιρική ομάδα του Μάλβερν έχει την έσθια Γενική Συνέλευση στις 2.00 το μεσημέρι. Καλούνται δε όλοι οι φίλοι του συλλόγου, καθώς και τα μέλη του, να δώσουν το παρόν.

Ος γνωστόν το Μάλβερν Σίτυ από την νέα σεζόν θα αγωνίζεται Σάββατο αφού ανέβηκε στην Γ' κατηγορία του Προβελίου.

ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑ ΠΑΡΑΒΙΑ

Πρώτος σκόρερ του συλλόγου γίνηκε ο Απόστολος Σαυτοπούλος με 19 τέρματα. Καλύτερος παίκτης αναδείχθηκε ο Στήβ Παπαχριστοδούλου.

Επίσης παίκτης του μέλλοντος αναδείχθηκε ο Τίμ Καλιωτάκης και Στήβ Χόας. Αρχισαν οι έγγραφες για τα Πουόνιερς του συλλόγου. Όσοι γονείς ενδιαφέρονται μπορούν, για να γράψουν τα παιδιά τους, να απαντήσουν στον πρόεδρο του συλλόγου κ. Τζιμ Άμανατίν.

ΝΕΑ ΕΛΛΑΣ

Κάθε Πέμπτη και στο γήπεδο της Η.Ε.Α.Α.Σ συνεχίζει ανέπλημα τις προπονήσεις και από ώρα 6.30 έως 8.30 μ.μ.

Όπως ανακοινώθηκε, δεν αποκλείεται να υπάρξουν προοδευτικές αλλαγές στο Δ. Συμβούλιο του συλλόγου.

Αν πράγματι γίνει κάτι τέτοιο, τότε είναι σίγουρο πως η ομάδα του Πόρτ Μέλμπουρν θα ξαναβρεί την παλαιά της αίσθηση. Ηδη από πέρυσι έδειξε μία σχετική αλλαγή στο έμφυτο της όλη με την χρησιμοποίηση μικρών ταλαντούχων παικτών οι οποίοι παλαίψαν για τα χρώματα του συλλόγου.

Ηταν κάτι που έπρεπε να είχε γίνει από καιρό και να είχε απαλλαχθεί το σωματείο στατο σωματείο από τους παίκτες — σαράνια — που είχε στην δύναμή της και που είχαν παραγνωρίσει με την ομάδα τους. Με μία καλή σκέψη λοιπόν των διοικούντων και σε συνεργασία με ανθρώπους που θέλουν να δουλέψουν για την ομάδα, η ΝΕΑ ΕΛΛΑΣ μπορεί να γίνει μεγάλη και πάλι. ... Και με μία προοπτική: να αποδομηθούν μερικώς οι παίκτες της παλιάς φρουράς εκτός από δύο — τρεις που έχουν δείξει άριστο ήθος έως τώρα.

ΑΝΟΙΞΕΙΣ

Το Σάββατο 24 του Οκτώβρη και στο Ρεσφίον του 540 Σόνδεν Ρούντ, ο Λεωνίδα δίδει τον έσθιο χορό του.

Ο ΉΓΚΑΝ ΣΤΗΝ ΕΛΛΑΣ

Ο Τοάβλν "Ηγκαν" τελικά θα φορέσει την φανέλα της "Ελλάς" από την νέα σεζόν. Ο 62-χρονης κυνηγός που διέκρεψε φέτος στο Φράνκφοντ όπου αγωνιζόταν, είχε γίνει ο στόχος των κυανόλευκων λίγες ημέρες πριν περδίσσει το "Ρέθμανς Μένταλ" αφού είχε αναδείχθει ο πρώτος σκόρερ της ομάδας του.

Την ίδια βραδιά της βράβευσης του ο πρόεδρος της, "Ελλάς" κ. Παπαδόπουλος, είχε μιλήσει σχετικά για τον παίκτη: "Νομίζω είχε πείσει ο 'Ηγκαν' μπορεί να προσφέρει καλές υπηρεσίες στην ομάδα μας και θα τον αποκτήσουμε".

Έτσι, μετά από την βράβευση του παίκτη από τους αθλητικογράφους της Μεταβουρνης ο άνθρωπος της κυανόλευκης άφροσύνης να τον πάρουν αντί του ποσού των 6.000 δολларίων.

Ο "Ηγκαν" θα μεταβεί στην Σκωτία τον άλλο μήνα προκειμένου να παντρευτεί και από τις άρχες του Γενάρη θα είναι στην διάθεση του προπονητή του.

Για την μεταγραφή του ο κυανόλευκος παράγων του συλλόγου κ. Λεωνίδα, "Ανεξίτηλος" δήλωσε: "Πιστεύω ότι ο 'Ηγκαν' θα γίνει ένα βασικό στέλεχος στην επίθεση της 'Ελλάς'".

Επίσης ο επί του Τόπου του συλλόγου κ. Πιέρ Πάλας, μάρ είπε: "Ο 'Ηγκαν' μαζί με τον 'Βραν' και τον Γουίντντ σίγουρα θα αποτελέσουν μία θαυμάσια τριπλέτα".

ΟΚΛΑ

Σχεδόν οι ίδιοι άνθρωποι που πέρυσι πήραν άριστα στην ομάδα του 'Ωκλα', ξαναβγήκαν στο νέο Δ. Συμβούλιο με πρόεδρο τον κ. Σάββα Σαλπινγίδη.

Την θέση του αντιπροέδρου του Γεν. Αρχηγού πήρε ο κ. Γεωργίου Ζαγούσης. Τέλος το πόστο επί του Τόπου του συλλόγου κράτησε για μία ακόμη φορά ο κ. Παναγιώτης Καραβίδας ο οποίος έως τώρα έχει πάρει άριστα για την εργατικότητα του.

ΕΣΤ ΑΛΤΟΝΑ

Νέους παίκτες ζητάει η ομάδα της "Ήστ" Άλτονας η οποία από την νέα σεζόν θα έχει και έδρα για τις σηνιόρες. Οι ενδιαφερόμενοι μπορούν να δώσουν το παρόν στις προπονήσεις του συλλόγου που γίνονται κάθε Τρίτη και Πέμπτη στο γήπεδο του.

ΟΒ

Άλωση πλοίσου θα γίνει η ομάδα της ΟΒ στην νέα σεζόν, η την απόκτηση παικτών που εξέδωσαν την επιθυμία να φορέσουν την φανέλα του συλλόγου.

ΤΑΚΗΣ ΠΕΡΙΠΛΑΣ

Σε λίγες ημέρες ο πρώην παίκτης του "Ηρακλή" Τάκης Πέπας πρόκειται να ανοίξει χρυσόχορτο στο "Ωκλα".

THE THREE-YEAR REVOLUTION OF GENERAL JOCK

Had Jock Stein been a club manager, his record since he took over Scotland (played 26, won 11 drawn 4, lost 11) might well have had his directors looking around for a replacement! That's not the kind of stuff which earns league championship flags.

But to see the real Stein, you have to dig deeper into the record book. Then you realise that, under Stein, Scotland haven't lost a game that matters.

His team is unbeaten in World Cup Group Six (played 7, won 5, drawn 2, lost 0). And, for good measure, there's a victory over England at Wembley.

It hasn't always been that way. Not long after Stein took over and results weren't going well, there were murmurs the great man had lost his touch. Jock himself heard them.

But all along he has said, "Judge me on the World Cup." He's been right.

Along the way, in buskies matches, Stein's tried more formations and used more players than some folk have had hot dinners.

The net result? He's discovered for himself who can do what in certain circumstances, discarded those who can't, and practically gone the

By DOUG BAILLIE

full circle to where Ally MacLeod left off!

Mull this over for a moment. The last time Ally fielded (against Austria in Vienna on September 20, 1978) was: Rough, Kennedy, Donachie, Gemmill, McQueen, Buchanan, Dalgligh, Hartford, Jordan, Gray Souness.

Five of those players turned out against the Swedes recently. A sixth, Graeme Souness, would have but for injury.

Those lads have matured over those three years. They're all better players because of that. But it's also indisputable Stein has done more than his share in helping their development.

The Scotland squad is now better behaved and organised than it's ever been. Stein has built a club team with club spirit and nobody, but nobody, is allowed to feel the odd man out.

Look what happened at Hampden against Sweden. Stein arrived at the game with seventeen players. He could field eleven, put five on the bench as subs, and leave one to his own devices. That doubtful honour this time going to David Narey.

An hour before the kick off the Dundee United star was going the rounds of the dressing room wishing the lads all the best before heading for his seat in the stand.

Jock stopped him in his tracks and told him to get ready like the rest of them. David not only watched the game from the bench he was on the field for a kick about with the other subs at half-time.

That is the secret of Jock Stein's success. You stick by

him, he'll stick by you. But we betide those who don't!

Look at the strikers Jock Stein can call on — Kenny Dalgligh, Joe Jordan, Andy Gray, Stevie Archibald, Alan Braz, and Paul Sturrock. Perm the right two from that lot and the goals MUST go rattling in!

— No wonder in Scotland should crowd over England's defeat in Norway. It's a bad thing for BRITISH football if only one of four countries makes it to the World Cup finals.

But maybe England will now think a bit deeper about what they claim is "the best and Paul Sturrock. Perm the right two from that lot and the goals MUST go rattling in!"

It seems extremely funny to see Milan's players, including new Scotland center forward Joe Jordan, running around the San Siro (sorry, Stadio Meazza) pitch with "Poh" written across their chests.

Foragers in Italy (with club, country and price) is Joe Jordan (Milan, Scotland, 400,000 pounds). René Van Der Ven (Germ. Rel.

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MILAN IS 'POOH'

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CLUB CLOSE-UP

MELBOURNE



Melbourne 1981: Back Row left to right: Harry Chalkitis (coach), Daryl Gooch (from Slavia 1980), Danny Ward (from Slavia 1981), Paul Drinoczky (from Juniors), Andy Miller (Slavia 1981), Costa Theodosopoulos (from Juniors), Reno Lia (Juventus 1981).
 Front Row left to right: John Bird (captain) (from UK 1979), Phillip Diamataria (from Juniors), Carlos Berbia (Juventus 1980), Frank Neri (Slavia 1980), Alf Neri (Frankston City 1981), Joe Carra (from Juniors), Paul Milborrow (UK 1981). Inset: Wym Harrington (Ringwood City 1981), Steve Hibbit (Doncaster Rovers 1981).

Melbourne Hungarian soccer club was formed in 1957 and in its first season won promotion to the First Division. South and after only one season won its way to the State League. The pinnacle came in 1967 when it won the State League championship and the Australia Cup, beating APIA 4-3. The club also won the Ampol Cup in 1973 but in 1975 Melbourne was relegated to the First Division and the slide continued into the Second Division. In 1978 the club was promoted back to First Division only to come straight back to Second Division the following season. Melbourne will celebrate its twenty fifth anniversary next year.
 Melbourne's greats of the past include: A. Abonyi, A. Scott, J. Szabo, H. Surma, F. Juhasz, B. Rogers, S. Bleskany, R. Pocock, Varos, J. Wallace, J. Palinkas, J. Pearson, D. Cummings, I. McCarthy, R. Fakete, D. Moyano.



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 the 1978 Soccer World Cup
 Buenos Aires, Argentina**